

**Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA**

**§29.6161**

U.S. grades	Grade names, minimum specifications, and tolerances
X1 .....	Fine Quality Straight Stripped. Heavy, ripe, firm, semielastic, normal strength and width, and 16 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 85 percent; injury tolerance, 15 percent.
X2 .....	Fair Quality Straight Stripped. Heavy mature, close, inelastic, normal strength, narrow, and 16 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 75 percent. Tolerances: 5 percent crude, 5 percent frozen, and 25 percent injury.
X3 .....	Low Quality Straight Stripped. Heavy, immature, close, inelastic, weak, and narrow. Uniformity, 60 percent. Tolerances: 10 percent crude, 10 percent frozen, and 40 percent injury.

**§ 29.6129 Farm Filler (Y Group).**

include throw out leaves from the Binder and Stripper groups.

This group consists of tobacco from the lower portion of the stalk and may

U.S. grades	Grade names, minimum specifications, and tolerances
Y1 .....	Fine Quality Farm Filler. Thin, ripe, open, semielastic, normal strength and width, and 12 inches or over in length. Uniformity, 85 percent; injury tolerance, 15 percent.
Y2 .....	Fair Quality Farm Filler. Thin, ripe, firm, inelastic, normal strength, and narrow. Uniformity, 75 percent. Tolerances: 5 percent crude, 5 percent frozen, and 25 percent injury.
Y3 .....	Low Quality Farm Filler. Thin, mature, close, inelastic, weak, and narrow. Uniformity, 60 percent. Tolerances: 10 percent crude, 10 percent frozen, and 40 percent injury.

**§ 29.6130 Nondescript (N Group).**

tolerance of the lowest grade of any other group.

Tobacco which does not meet the minimum specifications or exceeds the

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N1 .....	First Quality Nondescript. Tolerances: 20 percent crude, 20 percent frozen, and 60 percent injury.
N2 .....	Second Quality Nondescript. Over 20 percent crude, over 20 percent frozen, or over 60 percent injury.

**§ 29.6131 Scrap (S Group).**

from handling tobacco in farm buildings, warehouses, packing and conditioning plants, and stemmeries.

A byproduct of unstemmed and stemmed tobacco. Scrap accumulates

U.S. grades	Grade names and specifications
S .....	Loose, tangled, whole, or broken unstemmed leaves, or the web portion of tobacco leaves reduced to scrap by any process.

**SUMMARY OF STANDARD GRADES**

**§ 29.6155 Summary of standard grades.**

Three grades of binder	Three grades of stripper
B1 .....	C1
B2 .....	C2
B3 .....	C3
Three grades of straight stripped	Three grades of farm filler
X1 .....	Y1
X2 .....	Y2
X3 .....	Y3

Two grades of nondescript	One grades of scrap
N1 .....	S
N2 .....	

Tobacco not covered by standard grades is designated as "No-G."

**KEY TO STANDARD GRADEMARKS**

**§ 29.6161 Key to standard grademarks.**

Groups	Qualities
B—Binder .....	1—Fine.
C—Stripper .....	2—Fair.
X—Straight Stripped .....	3—Low.
Y—Farm Filler	

Groups	Qualities
N—Nondescript S—Scrap	

### Subpart D—Orders of Designation of Tobacco Markets

AUTHORITY: Sec. 5, 49 Stat. 732, as amended by sec. 157(a)(1), 95 Stat. 374 (7 U.S.C. 511d).

#### § 29.8001 Designation of tobacco markets.

The Act of Congress approved August 23, 1935 (49 Stat. 731; 7 U.S.C., Chapter 21A) entitled “The Tobacco Inspection Act” contains the following provisions:

Sec. 2. That transactions in tobacco involving the sale thereof at auction as commonly conducted at auction markets are affected with a public interest; that such transactions are carried on by tobacco producers generally and by persons engaged in the business of buying and selling tobacco in commerce; that the classification of tobacco according to type, grade, and other characteristics affects the prices received therefor by producers; that without uniform standards of classification and inspection the evaluation of tobacco is susceptible to speculation, manipulation, and control, and unreasonable fluctuations in prices and quality determinations occur which are detrimental to producers and persons handling tobacco in commerce; that such fluctuations constitute a burden upon commerce and make the use of uniform standards of classification and inspection imperative for the protection of producers and others engaged in commerce and the public interested therein. \* \* \*

Sec. 5. That the Secretary is authorized to designate those auction markets where tobacco bought and sold thereon at auction, or the products customarily manufactured therefrom, moves in commerce. Before any market is designated by the Secretary under this section he shall determine by referendum the desire of tobacco growers who

sold tobacco at auction on such market during the preceding marketing season. The Secretary may at his discretion hold one referendum for two or more markets or for all markets in a type area. No market or group of markets shall be designated by the Secretary unless two-thirds of the growers voting favor it. The Secretary shall have access to the tobacco records of the Collector of Internal Revenue and of the several collectors of internal revenue for the purpose of obtaining the names and addresses of growers who sold tobacco on any auction market, and the Secretary shall determine from said records the eligibility of such grower to vote in such referendum, and no grower shall be eligible to vote in more than one referendum. After public notice of not less than thirty days that any auction market has been so designated by the Secretary, no tobacco shall be offered for sale at auction on such market until it shall have been inspected and certified by an authorized representative of the Secretary according to the standards established under this Act, except that the Secretary may temporarily suspend the requirement of inspection and certification at any designated market whenever he finds it impracticable to provide for such inspection and certification because competent inspectors are not obtainable or because the quantity of tobacco available for inspection is insufficient to justify the cost of such service: *Provided*, That, in the event competent inspectors are not available, or for other reasons, the Secretary is unable to provide for such inspection and certification at all auction markets within a type area, he shall first designate those auction markets where the greatest number of growers may be served with the facilities available to him. No fee or charge shall be imposed or collected for inspection or certification under this section at any designated auction market. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to prevent transactions in tobacco at markets not designated by the Secretary or at designated markets where the Secretary has suspended the requirement of inspection or to authorize the Secretary to close any market.

#### Designated Tobacco Markets

Territory	Types of tobaccos	Auction markets	Order of designation	Citation
(a) Kentucky-Tennessee .....	Fire-cured, and Green River Dark Air-cured—Types 22, 23, 24 and 36.	Clarksville, Tenn. .... Springfield, Tenn. .... Hopkinsville, Ky. .... Paducah, Ky. .... Mayfield, Ky. .... Murray Ky. .... Madisonville, Ky. .... Henderson, Ky. ....	June 18, 1936. ..	1 FR 757.